Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gary L. Richter began his employment with the state of South Dakota in April 1988, as an Assistant Attorney General and legal counsel for the Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) and will now retire after 18 years of service; and,

Whereas, Gary has distinguished himself as a knowledgeable practitioner of the law and an advocate for common sense interpretation and application of the law, with an attention to detail which at times confounded even the most open-minded of colleagues; and,

Whereas, Gary provided legal opinions and "not-so-concise" Concise Statements of Reason to staff, petitioners and other lawyers which covered an amazing array of subject matter within the world of GF&P management; and,

Whereas, Gary was actively engaged in the legislative process drafting and revising legislative bills and administrative rules, all of which contributed to accomplishing the department's mission concerning road hunting, nonresident waterfowl licenses, hunting and fishing license fees and mountain lion management; and,

Whereas, The legal profession to which Gary belongs has been the subject of many rude and demeaning jokes over the years, all of which Gary has reacted to in good humor and none of which have seemed to phase his zest for life, his love of treats nor his devotion to the discharge of his duties; and,

Whereas, Gary will retire from service to state government in order to devote more of his attention to his beloved wife, Marlys, and their family; and,

Whereas, Gary's great sense of humor, coupled with his expertise as an integral part of the GF&P management team, will be greatly missed by all:

Whereas, Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 7, 2006, as

GARY L. RICHTER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State